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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT : T/O for Photo Intelligence Division OIR
REFERENCE : Project Review Committee Record of Action Subject:
Staffing for Photo Intelligence Within OIR, 25 July 1952

1. Submitted herewith is the proposed T/O for the Photo Intelligence Division, OIR, as approved by the Project Review Committee on 25 July 1952:

2. It is requested that the subject T/O be considered in conjunction with the over-all OIR T/O presently under study and that the OIR T/O be increased by twelve positions.

3. The position of Photo Intelligence Advisor shown in the office of the Deputy Assistant Director for Geography in the over-all OIR T/O is transferred as Chief of the newly established Photo Intelligence Division.

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PROJECT

This project to provide a photo intelligence staff within ORR provides for the allocation of [REDACTED] and an increase in T/O and personnel ceilings for FY 1953 to permit eleven qualified photo analysts and one clerk-stenographer to be brought into the Agency.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROJECT

The use of air photography as an essential source for detailed intelligence and support of CIA operations, research and production will continue to expand with resultant increase in requirements for this type of activity. However, the use of photo intelligence in support of CIA activities has not been properly exploited to date. Requirements of CIA operational and research components indicate a need for detailed information available only from air photography through analysis by trained experts in this field. A survey of currently recognized and anticipated requirements of CIA indicates skills and techniques necessitated are not now found in photo interpretation units of the Department of Defense. And, often, sensitivity indicates that photo analysis should be restricted to the Agency.

Therefore, it is proposed that a photo intelligence division be established with ORR under the Deputy Assistant Director of Geography. The new division would fill ORR requirements for geographic analysis and the analysis of industrial and other economic installations, OSI requirements for information on Soviet research and development, OPC and OEO requirements for support in operational planning and field activity and OSI requirements similar to those of the other offices.

This activity was not contemplated in the budget for FY 1953 but will be included in the budget for FY 1954. The annual cost of the operation will be approximately [REDACTED]

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ACTION

At its meeting on 23 July 1952, the Project Review Committee approved an allocation of [REDACTED] and an increase in T/O and personnel ceilings for ORR to provide for eleven qualified photo analysts and one clerk-stenographer.

RECOMMENDATION 25X1A1a

That this project be approved in the amount of [REDACTED] with an increase of eleven positions in the T/O and personnel ceilings for ORR.

CONCUR:

SIGNED

(APPROVED) (DISAPPROVED)

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman, PRC

Director of Central Intelligence

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